Supply of goods to ITDC Hotels

1013. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstared Question 333 given in the Rajya Sabha on 8th December, 1994 and state:

(a) what are the major items supplied by the firm during the period 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94;

(b) how much goods were supplied to each ITDC hotels during the year 1994-95 hotel/unit/department-wise; and

(c) which are the major items supplied by the firm in each case?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The information about the major items supplied by M/s. Sharat Electrocrafts to Delhi based ITDC hotels during the years from 1991-92 to 1994-95 (upto Feb. 1995) is given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix 173, Annexure No. 27]. During the year 1994-95 (upto Feb. 95), two Delhi based hotels made purchases from the said firm as per details given below):—

Name of the Hotel	Amount of purchases made during 1994-95 (upto Feb. 95)
	(Amount in Rs.)
Ashok Hotel	Rs. 87,569
Kanishka Hotel	Rs. 7,052*

In addition a work order amounting to Rs. 2,50,355.70 has been given to the M/s Sharat Electrocrafts, Delhi for replacement of a 60 HP Motor with 75 HP Motor for the Chiller Pump.

वैदन जिला सिद्धी (मध्य प्रदेश) में हवाई पट्टी का निर्माण

1014. **श्री जग नाथ सिंह :** क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सिंगरौली जिला सिद्धी (म. प्र.) का विकास ऊर्जा राजधानी के रूप में हो रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि उक्त क्षेत्र को विमान सेवा से जोड़ने के लिए वैदन, जिला सिद्धी (म.प्र.) में मध्य प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा हवाई पट्टी के निर्माण हेतु राशि खर्च की जा रही है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या उक्त क्षेत्र के विकास की दृष्टि से उपरोक्त हवाई पट्टी का निर्माण कार्य भारत सरकार अपने संसाधनों द्वारा करायेगी ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) (क) उत्तर प्रदेश के सोनभद्र जिले में सिंगरौली में और मध्य प्रदेश के सिद्धी जिले में एक विशाल ऊर्जा परिसर निर्मित हुआ है।

(ख) और (ग) भारत सरकार की इस समय मध्य प्रदेश के सिद्धी जिले में वैदन में हवाई पट्टी के निर्माण की कोई योजना नही है।

A common 'logo' for Air India and Indian Airlines

1015. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering introduction of a common 'logo' for Air India and Indian Airlines in order to improve the efficiency and meet the global competition;

(b) it so, whether such a move would prove deterimental to the image of Air India, which has over the years, built up an image of a national flag carrier of international reckoning whereas the domestic flag carrier (IA) has over the years been flattering on all fronts operational efficiency, punctuality, profitability and passenger amenities to the advantage of private air taxi operators; and

(c) whether Government are aware of the recent declaration of International Air Passengers Association (IAPA) as India being one of the most dangerous countries to fly and whether Government anticipates any decline in tourist arrivals in the wake of such caveats by IAPA?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) There is no proposal

at present under consideration of the Government, at present.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The news bulletins issued by the International Airlines Passengers Association (IAPA) on safety of Indian Air lines flights are highly exaggerated and factually misleading and have had no impact on tourist arrivals.

Bilateral air service agreement with other countries

1016. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to have free bilateral air service agreement between and with other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof.

(c) by when the said proposal is likely to be implemented;

(d) whether such agreements are going to affect on the functioning of our Airlines; and

(e) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) India is firmly committed to the bilaterals regime and there is no proposal for any change in the existing policy towards bilateral air service agreements.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Construction of International Airport at Bangalore

1017. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering constructing a new International Airport at Bangalore;

(b) if so, wrether the location of the Airport has been finalised;

(c) whether the Airport will be constructed by the Airport Authority or by Private Sector;

(d) if it is by private sector, whether permission has been accorded to any firm and the name of the firms, who have applied; and

(e) whether the Government of Karnataka has provided the land as promised for such project free of cost?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (e) The Government of India has given its no objection to the State Government of Karnataka for construction of airport of international standards at Devanhalli in Bangalore, with the help of private parties The State Government is to firm up the cost of the project and other modalities. The National Airports Authority and International Airports Authority will provide technical assistance. However, they will not share any cost of the project.

Classification of Bangalore Airport

1018. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bangalore Airport has been classified as fullfledged international airport

(b) if so, whether there is a proposal to introduce flights to Europe, US and Middle East from Bangalore;

(c) if not, the reasons for not declaring it as an international airport, when flights to Singapore is operating from Bangalore; and

(d) whether any other foreign Airlines have applied to operate from there if so, by which Airlines?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.